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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1559**

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**Introduced by Committee on Labor and Employment (Monning  
(Chair), Eng, Furutani, Ma, and Portantino)**

March 11, 2009

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An act to amend Section 14206 of, *and to add Section 14021 to*, the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1559, as amended, Committee on Labor and Employment. ~~California Workforce Investment Act: local workforce investment boards.~~ *Workforce development: summer youth job training.*

Existing law, the California Workforce Investment Act, establishes the California Workforce Investment Board (*CWIB*), which is the body responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system, and prescribes the functions and duties of the board. ~~Existing~~

*This bill would require the CWIB, in collaboration with local workforce investment boards, to establish the California Youth at Work Program, for the purpose of providing summer job training and work experience opportunities for youth in the state, in accordance with specified requirements.*

~~Existing law also~~ requires the local chief elected officials in a local workforce development to form, pursuant to specified guidelines established by the Governor and the board, a local workforce investment board, and prescribes the duties of the board with regard to the development and implementation of local workforce investment plans, as specified.

This bill would additionally provide that it shall also be the duty of the local board to facilitate the implementation of summer youth training programs through partnerships and effective collaboration. ~~The bill, by imposing new~~ *Because the bill imposes new* duties on local ~~government~~ *workforce investment boards* with respect to the implementation of these programs, *it would impose a state-mandated local program.*

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 14021 is added to the Unemployment  
2     Insurance Code, to read:  
3     14021. (a) The California Workforce Investment Board, in  
4     collaboration with local workforce investment boards, shall  
5     establish the California Youth at Work Program, for the purpose  
6     of providing summer job training and work experience  
7     opportunities for youth in the state. The program shall be  
8     established in accordance with the following requirements:  
9     (1) The program shall include a work experience component  
10    that conforms to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998  
11    (WIA) (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2801 et seq.), and its implementing  
12    regulations, as prescribed in 20 C.F.R. 664.460.  
13    (2) Eligible youth who participate in the program shall be  
14    between 14 years of age and 24 years of age.  
15    (3) The program shall primarily focus on providing summer  
16    job training and work experience opportunities for youth in the  
17    state. For purposes of this section, the period of “summer” shall  
18    be from May 1 through September 30 of each year. However,  
19    program start and end dates may vary within this time period.  
20    (4) Program services shall target low-income youth and certain  
21    youth populations facing barriers to employment, including, but  
22    not limited to, youth in foster care, and youth who have aged out

1 of foster care, youth whose families are enrolled in the CalWORKs  
2 (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3 of Division  
3 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code) program and, youth who  
4 themselves are enrolled in the CalWORKs program, homeless  
5 youth, and youth with disabilities. Military veterans and their  
6 spouses who are under 24 years of age shall also be given priority  
7 for services under the program.

8 (5) The program shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate,  
9 incorporate work-based learning strategies, work experience, and  
10 other activities that involve exposing youth to industrial job sector  
11 opportunities that are key to the economic region. Local workforce  
12 investment boards may work with the board to integrate  
13 kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and postsecondary  
14 education and teaching opportunities, as are deemed appropriate.

15 (6) Wages or stipends may be provided to youth in a  
16 classroom-based component of a summer employment opportunity.  
17 Local workforce investment boards shall collaborate with the  
18 board to develop policies guiding the payment of those  
19 classroom-based wages and stipends.

20 (7) Minors under 18 years of age who are enrolled in the  
21 program shall be paid at least the minimum wage and applicable  
22 overtime rates established by the state's Industrial Welfare  
23 Commission (IWC).

24 (8) High school graduates or those persons holding an  
25 equivalent degree shall be paid at a level commensurate with adults  
26 doing the same job, when those individuals perform the same  
27 quantity, quality, and classification of work.

28 (b) The board, in consultation with local workforce investment  
29 boards, shall request, and, if required, obtain any necessary  
30 waivers from the United States Department of Labor, to ensure  
31 effective and efficient implementation of the program set forth in  
32 this section.

33 (c) The board, in consultation with local workforce investment  
34 boards, shall also evaluate the effectiveness of the program in  
35 providing summer job training services to youth, and shall make  
36 public the results of that evaluation.

37 **SECTION 1.**

38 **SEC. 2.** Section 14206 of the Unemployment Insurance Code  
39 is amended to read:

1 14206. It shall be the duty of the local board to do all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) Coordinate workforce investment activities in the local area  
4 with economic development strategies.

5 (b) Promote participation of private sector employers in the  
6 local workforce investment system.

7 (c) Develop and submit a local workforce investment plan to  
8 the Governor.

9 (d) Select one-stop operators, with the agreement of the local  
10 chief elected official, annually review their operations, and  
11 terminate for cause the eligibility of such operators.

12 (e) Award grants or contracts to eligible providers of youth  
13 activities in the local area on a competitive basis, consistent with  
14 the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, based upon the  
15 recommendations of the youth council.

16 (f) Identify, consistent with the Workforce Investment Act of  
17 1998, eligible providers of training services.

18 (g) Identify eligible providers of intensive services and, when  
19 the one-stop operator does not provide intensive services to the  
20 local area, award contracts to those providers.

21 (h) Develop local policy on the amount and duration of  
22 individual training accounts based upon the market rate for local  
23 training programs.

24 (i) Conduct program oversight over workforce investment  
25 activities in the local area.

26 (j) Negotiate with the local chief elected official in the local  
27 area and the Governor on local performance measures for the local  
28 area.

29 (k) Assist in the development of a statewide employment  
30 statistics system, which shall be developed in conjunction with  
31 and shall utilize to the fullest extent possible, the Employment  
32 Development Department's labor market information system.

33 (l) Facilitate the implementation of summer youth training  
34 programs through partnerships and effective collaboration.

35 ~~SEC. 2.~~

36 *SEC. 3.* If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
37 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
38 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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